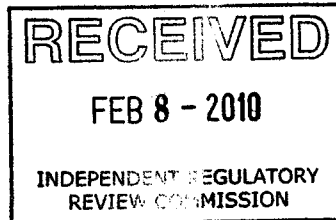


2802

Environmental Quality Board
P.O Box 8477
Harrisburg, PA 17105



1585

RECEIVED

JAN 28 2010

To whom this may concern:

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

SUBJECT: Outdoor wood-fired boilers- health vs. boilers

My name is Helen Stevenson and I am writing this letter to express my concern of the use of the above stated boilers. My neighbor Ray McKriskey, owner of Mac Power, has been using two of the boilers. He uses wood, coal, or boards from torn out kitchens, rooms etc. to operate these boilers which causes a great deal of impure smoke in the valley where my residence is located.

Until last summer the birds amused my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They would chirp and sing until we fed them. Then they stopped coming in late summer. The children asked why and I told them the birds have small lungs and cannot handle the impurities the neighbors boilers were producing and must go where they are better able to breathe. They asked me why this man was allowed to do that and all I could tell them was I wish I had the answer. Before these boilers were being used, Grandma's house was always the place for my twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren to all get together and for the little ones to play outside, but with all the impurities put in the air by these boilers, my children and grandchildren as well as myself are afraid to let the children play outside because the five great-grandchildren are under the age of three and the pollutants in the air would be more harmful for their tiny lungs. Without being able to enjoy the outdoors, we cannot all get together because there are too many to us to all cram into the house. Honestly, it really shouldn't have to come to that because we should all be able to enjoy the outdoors and the fresh air that everyone else is entitled to. Also, I have lived in this same residence since 1954 and do not feel that I should have to move to escape the harmful pollutants.

Michael Vic went to prison for abusing dogs yet no one cares about the abuse innocent people are suffering by people contaminating the air and possibly jeopardizing their health and nothing seems to be done about it. Our government as well is guilty because we have to beg for help and it takes so long to be answered. I am 81 years old and had been in good health until an uncaring neighbor brought in these boilers not at all concerned about his neighbors and the effects using these boilers could have on their health. I have also informed my doctors of the situation and have kept in touch with them to ensure my safety. I realize we all have to go sometime, but would rather the Lord chose than Mac Power.

What do you think about testing the air quality? They had a short segment on TV about this problem. The program stated the elderly are greatly affected because it can cause pneumonia and even death. Thank you for your time and listening to my comments.

Sincerely,

Helen Stevenson

Helen Stevenson

S Helen M. Stevenson
3060 Milligantown Rd.
Lower Burrell
PA 15068